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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, CASC, BC

SUBJECT: BOTSWANAN SECURITY LAWS

REF: GABORONE A-29

1. IN RESPONSE TO REPAIR DEPT PREPARED TO SEND TRAVEL WARNING TO ALL AF AND EUR POSTS. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOING SO DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT YOU CAN PROVIDE ON HOW BOTSWANA IS LIKELY TO IMPLEMENT NEW LAWS. WOULD EXECUTIVE PARDONS BE LEGALLY POSSIBLE OR POLITICALLY FEASIBLE? WE SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS THIS QUIETLY WITH GOB, SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION ON THEIR INTENTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION. IN PARTICULAR, WILL ANY DISTINCTIONS BE MADE AMONG TOURISTS WHO MAY VIOLATE LAW BY CARRYING SINGLE WEAPON, ARMS TRAFFICKERS, AND MEMBERS OF FOREIGN ARMED FORCES.

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2. TEXT OF TRAVEL WARNING FOLLOWS. QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA HAS AMENDED ITS SECURITY LAWS TO PROVIDE MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR TREASON AND THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS. TREASONABLE OFFENSES NOW INCLUDE: THE UNAUTHORIZED WEARING OF THE UNIFORM OF A FOREIGN ARMY AND THE UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF ARMS,

AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES. WHILE THE DEATH SENTENCE  
MAY BE IMPOSED FOR TREASON, THE MINIMUM SENTENCE IS 15  
YEARS IMPRISONMENT. A PERSON CONVICTED FOR ILLEGAL  
IMPORTATION OF ARMS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM  
SENTENCE OF FIVE YEARS. THIS LAW SHOULD NOT AFFECT  
TRAVELERS FOLLOWING NORMAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR  
TOURISM OR BUSINESS. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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